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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of
the **Acquisition Advisory Panel**

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the
President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal **advisory** committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget announces a meeting of the
Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or ``**Panel**'') established in accordance
with the Services **Acquisition** Reform Act of 2003.

DATES: The public meeting of the **Panel** will be held on September 27,
2005, beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Basement auditorium, 801 17th Street NW.,
Washington, DC 20434. The public is asked to pre-register one week in
advance of the meeting due to security and/or seating limitations (see
below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further
information concerning the meeting or the **Acquisition Advisory Panel**
itself, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura
Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: laura.auletta@gsa.gov,
phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services
Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405.
Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time should refer to
the instructions in paragraph (c) below, Oral Public Comments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) Background: The purpose of the **Panel** is to provide independent
advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy
and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services **Acquisition**
Reform Act of 2003. The **Panel**'s statutory charter is to review Federal
contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including
the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting,
performance of **acquisition** functions across agency lines of
responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are
invited to attend the meetings. Opportunity for oral public comments
will be provided at this meeting. See paragraph (c) below for
instructions on presenting oral public comments. Time for oral public
comments is expected at future public meetings as well and will be
announced in the Federal Register.

September 27, 2005 Meeting--The working groups, established at
previous public meetings of the AAP (see <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/lea>

a list of working groups), will report on their first drafts of background statements. The **Panel** also expects to hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the **Panel**'s statutory charter, including commercial practices and performance-based contracting as well as interagency contracting.

(b) Availability of Materials for the Meetings: Please see the **Acquisition Advisory Panel** Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas, for these meetings (<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the **Panel** are also

available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including ``Questions for Government Buying Agencies,' ' ``Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government,' ' ``Questions for Commercial Organizations,' ' and an issue raised by one **Panel** member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled ``Proposal for Public Comment.' ' The **Panel** encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues when presenting either oral public comments or written statements to the **Panel**. The public may also obtain copies of Initial Working Group Reports presented at the March 30, 2005 public meeting and the follow-up scope reports presented at the June 14, 2005 public meeting at the **Panel**'s Web site under ``Meeting Materials' ' at this Web site. Minutes for each meeting are also posted.

(c) Procedures for Providing Public Comments: It is the policy of the **Acquisition Advisory Panel** to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. To facilitate **Panel** discussions at its meetings, the **Panel** may not accept oral comments at all meetings. The **Panel** Staff expects that public statements presented at **Panel** meetings will be focused on the **Panel**'s statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously presented oral comments, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Oral Public Comments: One hour has been reserved for oral public comments at this meeting. Speaking times will be confirmed by **Panel** staff on a ``first-come/first-serve' ' basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes. Because **Panel** members may ask questions, reserved times will be approximate. Interested parties must contact Ms. Pamela Gouldsberry, AAP Senior Staff Analyst, in writing at: pamela.gouldsberry@gsa.gov, by FAX at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list. Verbal requests for speaking time will not be taken. Speakers are requested to

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bring extra copies of their comments and presentation slides, if used, for distribution to the **Panel** at the meeting. Speakers wishing to use a Power Point presentation must e-mail the presentation to Ms. Gouldsberry one week in advance of the meeting.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received by the **Panel** Staff at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the **Panel** for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Please note: The

Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal **Advisory** Committee Act, as amended, therefore, all public presentations and written statements will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the **Panel**'s Web site.

(d) Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Laura Auletta,
Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director), **Acquisition Advisory Panel**.

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